Industry, Ministry of Health and the Ministry of Urban Development and we will try and discuss this problem with them.

[*Translation*]

Cement Pants in Rajasthan

* 207 SHRI GIRDHARI LAL BHARGAVA Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state.

(a) the number of lime-stone mines leased to the Cement Corporation of India in Chittorgarh (Rajasthan),

(b) whether C C I has submitted a number of projects to the Union Government for setting up of cement plants in Rajasthan to utilise the lime-stone obtained from these mines,

(c) if so, the details thereof alongwith the capacity of each project,

(d) whether the Government have accorded approval to these projects,

(e) if so, the details thereof,

(f) if not, the reasons therefor, and

(g) the time by which the approval is likely to be accorded?

[*English*]

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI P K THUNGON) (a) Cement Corporation of India have leases of two limestone mining areas in District Chittorgarh

(b) and (c) CCI had submitted a proposal for setting up a one million tonne per annum cement plant at Shambhupura, District Chittorgarh Rajasthan, to utilise the limestone from these mines

(d) to (g) No, Sir The proposal could not be approved because of constraint of funds

[*Translation*]

SHRI GIRDHARI LAL BHARGAVA Mr Speaker, Sir, with your permission, I would like to know from the hon Minister the date since when these projects are under consideration of the Government of India for approval and what was the capacity of these plants? This is my first question Please give a reply

[*English*]

SHRI P K THUNGON In fact, the CCI conducted a survey in an area of about 20 48 sq km, and after that, about 9 87 sq km was investigated, and after that, it was revealed that about 96 06 million tonnes of limestone was available Therefore, in 1983, CCI submitted a proposal for setting up a one million tonne plant in that area, after that, in the Seventh Plan, as I have already stated, due to constraint of funds, this could not be set up However, it will be of use for the hon Member that a proposal has been again sent to the Planning Commission, and the Planning Commission is considering it whether we will be able to set up a plant in the Eighth Five Year Plan

[*Translation*]

SHRI GIRDHARI LAL BHARGAVA Mr Speaker, Sir, I have specifically asked the hon Minister the data since when these projects are under consideration of the Government of India for approval He has not replied to it

MR SPEAKER It will be better if you don't seek a reply to such a question This is not so You are unnecessarily missing your chance of asking a second question

SHRI GIRDHARI LAL BHARGAVA My chance is missed in the sense that the Rajasthan Government has sent projects to the Government of India

MR SPEAKER Bhargavaji, I am trying to help you, Please come to the second question He will provide you the statistics

[*English*]

You please supply him the statistics later on in writing

[*Translation*]

SHRI GIRDHARI LAL BHARGAVA Secondly, the projects are lying pending for approval with the Central Government till date and these projects may lie pending up to August 5 Had the projects been cleared, the Rajasthan Government would have got royalty and other facilities I would like to know as to how much loss of royalty and other facilities the Government of Rajasthan has suffered?

MR SPEAKER You are again talking about statistics

[*English*]

If you have the information, give it to him

[*Translation*]

SHRI GIRDHARI LAL BHARGAVA The projects of the Government of Rajasthan are lying pending with the Government of India and the Government of India is not cleanng them By what time these projects will be cleared? Will these projects be cleared or not? If they are not to be cleared, we should have been informed within a month or two so that there would have been no problem He may please give a reply to it

MR SPEAKER First of all, please reply whether these projects are being cleared?

[*English*]

SHRI P K THUNGON We are very much interested in helping the Rajasthan Government, because we have already spent about Rs 30 lakhs on investigation and survey, etc Therefore, our intention, as Mr Girdhan Lal Bhargava has tried to impute, is not to lose revenue of Rajasthan Government For your information, the royalty payable is at the rate of Rs 25 per metric tonne

[*Translation*]

SHRI GIRDHARI LAL BHARGAVA Mr Speaker, Sir, I have not got a clear reply to my question

SHRI AYUB KHAN As you are aware that so far as industries are concerned Rajasthan is quite backward The hon Minister has replied just now that these projects could not be cleared due to constraint of funds May I ask the hon Minister as to how many cement factories are there in Rajasthan and how many of them are working and how many of them are not working? If they are not working, by what time those factories are going to be started?

[*English*]

SHRI P K THUNGON Sir, the question about CCI So, I can answer

MR SPEAKER Every time I should not say that it is not coming out of the question sometimes you also can say that

SHRI P K THUNGON As regards the cement factories as a whole in Rajasthan those statistics I do not have at the moment, but so far as the CCI is concerned, I can give just now

SHRI JASWANT SINGH Mr Speaker, Sir, the hon Minister has said that there are two mining leases in Chitorgarh district

From the reply it appears that the Shambhupura mining lease has been handed back or finished Which is the second mining lease? Have you terminated both the mining leases and handed back the mines to the Government of Rajasthan? Because you are otherwise unnecessarily sitting on a production capability

On these two mining leases for an excess of past ten years and have already spent about Rs 30 lakhs on survey, etc You must have spent something on payment of

royalty, payment of lease money to the Government of Rajasthan. What is that amount? When are you going to hand back these leases and how much amount have you already paid to the Government of Rajasthan?

SHRI P.K. THUNGON: So far as the mining leases No. 1 and 2 are concerned, the mining lease number 1 is at Maira Sitaramji ka Kharia village and Mining lease No. 2 is at Maira and Bamniya village. The area covered is 987 hectares in lease No. 1 and the lease was taken with effect from 8-7-1982. The area in mining lease No. 2 is 436.25 hectares. It was leased away from 26-2-1983.

As regards the mining areas where the royalty is payable, I have already stated that it is payable at the rate of Rs. 25/-.

SHRI JASWANT SINGH: Have you surrendered these leases now?

SHRI P.K. THUNGON: As regards surrender, we have not yet surrendered. The Government of Rajasthan had written to us and they wanted to cancel the lease. But we have gone for a review and the matter is now lying in the Department of Mines.

Thermal Power Stations in Gujarat

*208. SHRI HARISINH CHAVDA:
SHRI RATILAL VARMA:

Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state.

(a) the requirement of coal for the Thermal Power Stations in Gurajat for each of the last three years;

(b) whether the Government propose to draw up any action plan for the supply of coal to these Stations in time;

(c) whether the Government have agreed to the proposal of the State Government regarding supply and payment thereof;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI S.B. NAYA MAGOUDA) (a) to (e). A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT

(a) According to estimates made by Central Electricity Authority (CEA) the total coal demand for five thermal power stations of Gujarat as per generation targets agreed for the year 1991-92 is 10.90 million tonnes, against which the linkage provided is 14.505 million tonnes. The linkage of coal for these power stations based on demand for the years 1989-90 and 1990-91 was 11.82 and 12.72 million tonnes respectively.

(b) Action Plan for supply of coal to power utilities is prepared every quarter by Standing Linkage Committee (Short-term), set up by Government for this purpose. The supply of coal to all the power stations is monitored on daily basis and immediate corrective action is taken whenever necessary.

(c) to (e). Because of huge accumulated arrears payable to coal companies by power utilities, Ministry of Coal advised Coal India Limited to make supplies of coal to Power Sector only against advance payments from 1.10.91 onwards. Some representations have been received for reconsideration of this system and for ensuring proper quality and weighment of coal supplied. Coal Companies have been instructed to ensure proper weighment and quality in respect of coal despatched to the power plants. However the Government is not in favour of changing the policy regarding advance payments.

[*Translation*]

SHRI HARISINH CHAVDA: Mr. Speaker, Sir, the hon. Minister has stated that during the last three years i.e. 1989-90,